



## **RI Law Enforcement gets DOJ funding for bulletproof vests**

The Department of Justice is awarding twenty-four Rhode Island law enforcement agencies a total of \$299,758 to purchase more than 1,000 bulletproof vests.

The Department of Justice announced nearly \$29 million in funding nationwide to over 4,500 law enforcement agencies for the purchase of vests through the Department of Justice's Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. The grant awards are expected to fund the purchase of over 213,000 vests for public safety officers nationwide.

Administered through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a component of the Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program provides for up to half the cost of bulletproof vests to eligible units of local governments. Each jurisdiction may purchase one vest per officer per year, and all vests must meet or exceed standards developed by OJP's National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Since 1999, over 12,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$173 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 450,000 vests.

Here is the list of RI recipients:

Jurisdiction Name	City	State	Congressional Districts	BVP Funding Amount	Number of Vests
BARRINGTON TOWN	BARRINGTON	RI	01	\$6,000.00	15
BRISTOL TOWN	BRISTOL	RI	01	\$252.50	3
COVENTRY TOWN	COVENTRY	RI	02	\$6,400.00	16
CRANSTON CITY	CRANSTON	RI	02	\$15,675.00	33
EAST GREENWICH TOWN	EAST GREENWICH	RI	02	\$9,000.00	24
EAST PROVIDENCE CITY	EAST PROVIDENCE	RI	01	\$36,000.00	90
FOSTER TOWN	FOSTER	RI	02	\$618.00	2
GLOCESTER TOWN	CHEPACHET	RI	02	\$1,600.00	4
JOHNSTON TOWN	JOHNSTON	RI	02	\$20,250.00	45
LINCOLN TOWN	LINCOLN	RI	01	\$1,500.00	5
MIDDLETOWN TOWN	MIDDLETOWN	RI	01	\$17,850.00	42
NEWPORT CITY	NEWPORT	RI	01	\$13,950.42	87
NORTH PROVIDENCE TOWN	NORTH PROVIDENCE	RI	01	\$2,012.50	7
PAWTUCKET CITY	PAWTUCKET	RI	01	\$8,280.00	23
PORTSMOUTH TOWN	PORTSMOUTH	RI	01	\$11,750.00	25
PROVIDENCE CITY	PROVIDENCE	RI	02	\$78,000.00	260
RHODE ISLAND	CRANSTON	RI	All Districts	\$21,844.93	340
SCITUATE TOWN	NORTH SCITUATE	RI	02	\$4,950.00	11
SMITHFIELD	SMITHFIELD	RI	01	\$3,520.00	11
SOUTH KINGSTOWN TOWN	WAKEFIELD	RI	02	\$4,100.00	10
WEST GREENWICH TOWN	WEST GREENWICH	RI	02	\$3,350.00	10
WEST WARWICK TOWN	WEST WARWICK	RI	02	\$3,490.00	10
WESTERLY TOWN	WESTERLY	RI	02	\$11,865.00	42
WOONSOCKET CITY	WOONSOCKET	RI	01	\$16,800.00	48
<b>(24 Jurisdictions):</b>				<b>\$299,758.35</b>	<b>1,163</b>

For more information about the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, see the [Bureau of Justice Assistance news release](#) announcing the awards.